

**McCarthy-Towne School PTSO**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday March 13, 2013**

**Present:**

Kate Murray, PTSO Sr. Chair  
Tracey Smith, PTSO Jr. Chair  
Carolyn Dee, PTSO Secretary  
Chris Hanlon, PTSO Treasurer  
David Krane, Principal  
Patty Lee, Parent Involvement Coordinator  
Vanessa Bergmann, McT Teacher  
Nancy Giansante, McT Teacher  
Various McT Parents

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

The minutes of February 14, 2013 were approved as amended.

**Principal's Report**

David reported that as of today we have had 5 snow days. The last day of school is reported to be June 21<sup>st</sup> without any further snow days. David attended The Auction which was recently held at the Stow Acres Country Club. He is now the proud owner of a Penguin Picture because no one from the class was at the Auction to purchase the picture. It will hang prestigiously in his office.

The Safety Task Force has met a couple of times. They are looking at various ways to ensure the safety of all students. Being discussed is whether the schools should lock the front doors at all times. David feels that if the decision is made to lock the doors it has to be consistent at all elementary schools. The High School will remain an open campus so the front doors will not be locked at that school. David's opinion is that since we are part of a school campus that has open campus it is not feasible to lock one school and not the others. He indicated that Ed, Principal of Merriam, is of the same opinion. He encouraged parents to write a letter to the Superintendent to express their wishes concerning this issue. A survey will be sent out through Survey Monkey asking the opinion of the McT Community.

The hiring process has begun for a new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Vanessa will not be returning to McT next year. Kari James will be returning from leave as well as Callie from maternity leave.

David has requested that a second section of All Day Kindergarten be added for next year.

**Auction Update**

The Auction was a lot of fun and a big success. As of this date \$55,000 was made at the Auction. The PTSO thanked Lauren and Jen for all their hard work putting together such a wonderful event.

**CPAC**

Patty reported that there will be a shortfall for CPAC Performances of \$233.69. It was agreed that \$233.69 would be given from PTSO funds to the CPAC Committee to cover the shortfall. We have also received a cultural grant from Coffee Pond in the amount of \$100 and a Mass Cultural Grant in the amount of \$150.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 11, 2013 at 9:30 A.M.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M. in order to hear a presentation given by Jessica Gravel, Marianne Butler and Kristen Dixon on signs of Concussion and related injuries.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Dee  
PTSO Secretary